

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

San Tropez Associates, LLC and Big Rock  
Asset Management, LLC

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Westchester Surplus Lines Ins. Co. National  
Fire and Marine Ins. Co. and StarStone  
Specialty Ins. Co.

Defendant(s).

Case # 2:25-cv-00666-GMN-BNW

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE  
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED  
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT  
AND DESIGNATION OF  
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Matthew L. Gonzalez, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:  
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Zelle LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 45 Broadway, STE 920,  
(street address)

New York,

(city)

New York,

(state)

10006,

(zip code)

(646) 876-4410,

(area code + telephone number)

mgonzalez@zellelaw.com

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

National Fire & Marine and StarStone Specialty to provide legal representation in connection with  
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since April 10, 2003, Petitioner has been and presently is a  
 (date)  
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of New York  
 (state)  
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District  
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts  
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good  
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
State of New York	April 2003	4136503
Southern District of New York	April 2008	
Eastern District of New York	January 2014	
Northern District of New York	June 2023	
US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit		
US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit		

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,  
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory  
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or  
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None.

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

(State "none" if Petitioner is not a member of other Bar Associations.)

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
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None

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)


9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

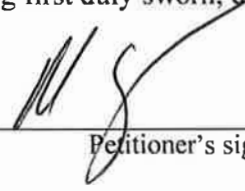
11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF New York )  
 5 COUNTY OF New York )  
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 Petitioner's signature

7 Matthew Gonzalez, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
 8 That the foregoing statements are true.

  
 Petitioner's signature

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 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 21st April 2025  
 12 day of



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 14 Notary Public or Clerk of Court

Notarized online using audio-video communication  
 Kayla Dixon  
 Online Notary Public  
 State of New York  
 Richmond County  
 Commission #: 01D10007224  
 Commission Expires: 05/10/2027

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 16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO**  
 17 **THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner  
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate James P.C. Silvestri,  
 20 (name of local counsel)  
 21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the  
 22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of  
 23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

24 7670 Lake Mead Boulevard, Suite 250

(street address)

25 Las Vegas

(city)

Nevada

(state)

89128

(zip code)

26 702-383-6000

(area code + telephone number)

jsilvestri@pyattsilvestri.com

(Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
3 binding on all of us.

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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) James P. C. Silvestri as  
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.  
(name of local counsel)

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(party's signature)

11 Daniel Hatch, Claims Manager - Kemah Capital obo NFM  
12 (type or print party name, title)

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14 (party's signature)

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16 (type or print party name, title)

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature  
21 3603 jsilvestri@pyattsilvestri.com  
22 Bar number Email address

23 APPROVED:

24 Dated: this 30 day of April, 2025.

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27 Gloria M. Navarro  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York  
First Judicial Department*

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*I, Susanna M. Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, do hereby certify that*

*Matthew Luis Gonzalez*

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on April 10, 2003, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court Administration, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand in the City of New York on  
April 14, 2025.*



*Susanna M. Rojas*

*Clerk of the Court*



Supreme Court of the State of New York  
Appellate Division, First Department

DIANNE T. RENWICK  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

SUSANNA MOLINA ROJAS  
CLERK OF THE COURT

MARGARET SOWAH  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT

DOUGLAS C. SULLIVAN  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT

To Whom It May Concern

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on [the website of the Unified Court System](#).

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the [Attorney Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department](#).

Bar examination history is available from the [New York State Board of Law Examiners](#).

Instructions, forms and links are available on [this Court's website](#).

Susanna Rojas  
Clerk of the Court

Revised October 2020